

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of transferring information about a user of a responsive object to that responsive object, comprising:

storing information about the user in a physically manipulatable device;

providing a manipulative user interface between the responsive device and the physically manipulatable~~manipulative~~ device;

placing an object relative to the physically manipulatable device;

wherein relatively placing the object and the physically manipulatable device and/or physically manipulating the ~~object~~physically manipulatable device communicates at least some of the stored information about the user to the responsive device .

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the communicated stored information comprises the level of authority of the ~~user~~user.

3. (Currently Amended) A method of transferring information about a user of a responsive object to that responsive object, comprising:

storing information about the user in a physically manipulatable reified device;

providing a manipulative user interface between the responsive device and the physically manipulative device

placing an object relative to the physically manipulatable reified device;

wherein relatively placing the object with respect to the physically manipulatable reified device and/or physically manipulating the ~~object~~physically manipulatable reified device communicates at least some of the stored information about the user to or from the responsive device.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein the communicated stored information comprises an asset of the ~~user~~-user.

5. (Currently Amended) A reified device for interfacing and communicating with a computer, comprising a physical representation of one user of the responsive device, the physical representation comprising:

    a manipulatable user interface to communicate with the responsive device;  
    at least one physically manipulatable element to store information about the user;  
    an object placed relative to the physically manipulatable element; and  
    the object being so placed and/or the physically manipulatable element being physically manipulated to activate the user manipulatable user interface to communicate with the responsive device.

6. (Currently Amended) The reified device of claim 5, where the communicated stored information includes the level of authority of the ~~user~~-user.

7. (Currently Amended) A reified device for interfacing and communicating with a computer, comprising a physical representation of a user of the responsive device, the physical representation comprising:

    a manipulatable user interface to communicate with the responsive device;  
    an object placed relative to the manipulatable user interface; and  
    at least one physically manipulatable element to store information about the user;  
    the object being so placed and/or that at least one physically manipulatable element being physically manipulated to activate the manipulatable user interface to communicate with the responsive device.

8. (Currently Amended) The reified device of claim 7, wherein the communicated stored information comprises an asset of the ~~user~~-user.

9. (Previously Presented) The reified device of claim 8, wherein the asset is a credit card number.

10. (Original) The reified device of claim 9, wherein the object used to manipulate the reified device is an object that can be placed into at least one predefined relationship to reified device.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the object is a hat.